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1. HERewith TEXT OF PAPER HANDED TO ME BY AZIZ AHMED  
ON THE SUBJECT OF DIFFICULTIES EXPERIENCED BY THE PAK  
AIR FORCE AS A RESULT OF U.S. ARMS EMBARGO REFERRED TO  
IN ISLAMABAD 1096.

BEGIN TEXT: IT MAY BE RECALLED THAT AFTER THE VISIT OF THE  
PRIME MINISTER TO U.S.A., THERE WAS SOME HOPE THAT U.S.  
ARMS EMBARGO MIGHT GRADUALLY SOFTEN, IF IT WAS NOT WITHDRAWN  
ALTOGETHER. IN OUR DEALINGS WITH U.S. DEFENSE AGENCIES, WE  
HAVE NOT SO FAR SEEN ANY SIGNS OF THIS HOPED FOR RELAXATION.

IN NOVEMBER, 1973, ONE OF OUR OFFICERS, SQUADRON  
LEADER ABIDI, HAD GONE TO U.S.A. IN CONNECTION WITH THE  
PURCHASE OF A COMMON TACTICAL AIR NAVIGATION FACILITY, TACAN  
EQUIPMENT. WE HAD ASKED SQUADRON LEADER ABIDI TO UTILIZE  
HIS VISIT TO PURCHASE A FEW SPARE PARTS FOR SOME INFRA-RED  
AND NIGHT VISION DEVICES AND FOR SOME ELECTRONIC COUNTER-

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MEASURE EQUIPMENT. IN HIS QUEST FOR THESE ITEMS, THIS OFFICER

REPEATEDLY CAME ACROSS THE THEME THAT THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT WAS NOT ONLY MAINTAINING THE ARMS EMBARGO BUT THAT IT HAD RECENTLY RE-EMPHASIZED IT THROUGH SOME SORT OF A CIRCULAR.

WHILE THE IMPRESSION OF A CONTINUING AND A STRICT EMBARGO WAS GAINED ALMOST EVERYWHERE, THERE WERE SOME SPECIFIC INSTANCES WHICH CLEARLY BRING OUT THIS POINT. THESE ARE LISTED IN THE APPENDIX TO THIS PAPER.

THIS EMBARGO IS OFFICIALLY CONFINED TO LETHAL MILITARY EQUIPMENT AND COMPONENTS. HOWEVER, AS THE ITEMS ARE NEITHER LISTED NOR DEFINED AS LETHAL, DECISION IS TAKEN BY THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT ON ITEM-WISE BASIS. THIS LEAVES SOME FLEXIBILITY WITH THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IN INTERPRETING THE "EMBARGO." IN FACT, ANY SOFTENING, SHORT OF A POLICY CHANGE, CAN ONLY BE DONE THROUGH A LIBERAL AND FRIENDLY INTERPRETATION OF THE WORD "LETHAL," CURRENTLY A VERY WIDE CONNOTATION IS BEING GIVEN TO THE WORD "LETHAL" - AND THIS PREVENTS US FROM ACQUIRING ANY ITEMS WHICH ARE EVEN REMOTELY CONNECTED WITH FIGHTER/BOMBER OR OTHER OPERATIONS. END TEXT.

2. IN AN ANNEX TO THE ABOVE THERE WAS LISTED THE NAMES OF COMPANIES, ADDRESSES AND ITEMS THEY HAD TRIED TO PROCURE. THE FIRST WAS M/S VERADYNE, SANTA MONICA, CALIF., SUB-ASSEMBLIES TO COMPLETE ONE IR DART FOR TRIALS; THE SECOND M/S ITT, ROANOKE, VIRGINIA, IMAGE INTENSIFIER TUBES; THE THIRD M/S WESTINGHOUSE, BALTIMORE, MARYLAND, TRAVELLING WAVE TUBES AND OTHER ELECTRONIC WARFARE COMPONENTS; AND THE FOURTH M/S INTERNATIONAL LASERS, ORLANDO, FLORIDA, LASER.

3. SQUADRON LEADER ABIDI IN EACH CASE HAD REPORTED THAT THE COMPANIES HAD INFORMED HIM THAT THE ITEMS COULD NOT BE ALLOWED BECAUSE OF STATE DEPARTMENT EMBARGO. WOULD YOU PLEASE CHECK THESE FOUR CASES AS WE DO NOT HAVE ENOUGH INFORMATION HERE TO MAKE OUR OWN ASSESSMENT AS TO WHETHER PROCUREMENT SHOULD HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE UNDER PRESENT POLICY? BYROADE

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